



Campus show to dazzle crowd for centennial

Alternative rockers Ludo to perform in the Milo Bail Student Center's plaza.

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UNO previewed its new talent during practice on Sunday afternoon.

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Convocation speech kicks off centennial week Wednesday

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

UNO's centennial celebration begins Wednesday with convocation, and UNO Chancellor John Christensen hopes everyone — administration, faculty, staff and students — comes out to help the university celebrate its 100-year history.

Christensen said everyone should feel "very privileged" to be a part of the university as it celebrates its centennial.

"It's a special time in the life of any organization," Christensen said. "To be able to celebrate it as a member of that institution is a special sort of thing."

The celebration gets under way Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center with convocation. There, Christensen will give his annual State of the University address, which he said would differ from regular convocation presentations that focus on the accomplishments of only the past year. "This is going to be in a small way a reflection on our history and then a discussion of the importance of metropolitan universities in their communities and where we're heading in the future," Christensen said.

The opening events for the centennial continue at 11 a.m. with the dedication of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Building and a campus-wide reception afterwards at noon in the Milo Bail Student Center. Christensen said he looks forward to the CPACS Building dedication.

"I think that the dedication of the CPACS Building is a very special moment in the life of this institution," Christensen said. "That's a college with several of our nationally recognized programs that has been in existence since the early '70s and they've never had a home, and so it's really exciting that this highly productive college now has a place they can call home."

The centennial week celebration will continue with the groundbreaking ceremony for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building renovation and expansion at 10 a.m. on Thursday, followed by the dedication of Maverick Village at 11 a.m.

Other events for the centennial include college open houses, a jazz and tea event at the Criss Library and tours of the campus for alumni and visitors.

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Palin holds rally in Omaha



Ryan Maher, left, and Sarah Brumfield, center, give Maverick hockey jerseys to Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin. (KIRBY KAUFMAN/THE GATEWAY)

Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin made a surprise visit to Omaha Sunday afternoon. During the visit, Omahans Sarah Brumfield and Ryan Maher gave Palin a UNO hockey shirt.

"I have to admit, though, that I'm a little partial to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the hockey team there," Palin said. "I don't know, maybe it is just the name of the team, which has

such a nice ring to it this election year. I love that cheer: Go Mavericks."

Palin's speech in the Civic Auditorium's Music Hall was the third major political rally in Omaha, with presidential nominees Barack Obama and John McCain already visiting the city.

Former Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is also scheduled to speak at a fundraiser for Girls Inc. on Oct. 21.



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Endowment reached for memorial scholarship

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NEWS EDITOR

UNO created the Brittany Williams Memorial Scholarship to honor the slain pre-nursing student, and the university's goal is for the scholarship to become a full-tuition award. Funds are still needed to reach this goal.

The scholarship's purpose is to commemorate young women looking to reach their goals, whether academically or in the community, said UNO Chancellor John Christensen in a statement. The scholarship will be awarded to a student this fall.

NU President James B. Milliken established the scholarship fund with \$5,000 from the University of Nebraska Foundation. The university required \$10,000 to endow the fund, asking students to raise the remaining \$5,000.

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University looks at additional safety measures, enrollment drops for text message alert system

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Efforts to address security at residence halls are still under way at UNO more than a month after an attempted sexual assault on campus.



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Around 4:30 a.m. on Sept. 1, a male dressed in black passed through two unlocked doors to enter the bedroom of a female student at University Village. According to an Omaha police incident report, he told the resident "shh" and attempted to assault her, but the resident yelled "stop" and "don't" and then hit the man. The man then hit her face and ran out of the room, and one of the resident's roommates called 911.

As part of its response to the incident, the university held two town hall meetings on Sept. 9 to discuss safety issues with residents of University Village and Maverick Village. No one attended the first meeting at UV and only three students attended the second.

At those meetings, however, two announcements were made regarding efforts to improve security at the dorms. Rita Henry, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university would offer a non-credit self-defense class and improve the university's emergency text message alert system for campus residents.

Improvements to the text message alert system were made the day after the meeting. But so far only a handful of students have signed up for the dorm-specific notification lists.

The self-defense class, which will be instructed by UNO wrestling coach Mike Denney, is still in the works, Henry said. A letter will be sent to campus residences after the details have been finalized.

No plans have been made to schedule

follow-up town hall meetings either. An additional meeting was planned after a typo was discovered in fliers announcing the Sept. 9 meeting at both University Village and Maverick Village.

University Village staff has made space available for another meeting, but no time has been set, wrote Lori Nantkes, regional director of Campus Living Villages, in an e-mail. Campus Living Villages is the company that manages University Village.

Jonathan Orlich, property manager for Scott Residence Hall and Scott Village, wrote in an e-mail that a meeting was in the planning stages "to maximize attendance" after the low attendance at the earlier meetings.

Bill Pickett, managing director for residential life at Maverick Village, wrote in an e-mail that he was not aware of a second meeting but was unsure what was being planned with University Village.

Pickett, Nantkes and Orlich all said they had not received information about the text message alert system improvements.

As of Sept. 26, only 10 users had signed up to receive notifications for Scott Village and nine students each for Maverick Village and University Village, according to data provided by university spokeswoman Wendy Townley.

Additionally, UNO's e2Campus text message alert system has seen a decrease of almost 200 users since late February. There were 2,702 users as of Sept. 26 compared with 2,891 as of Feb. 22, according to data provided by

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Biden v. Palin: UNO students watch historic debate

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UNO students joined community members and people across the nation in watching Thursday night's vice presidential debate between Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Students stayed in the Thompson Alumni Center for the second night of DebateWatch 2008 until about 10:30 p.m. participating in small group discussions and completing surveys.

During this discussion, participants agreed that the debate went smoothly for both candidates, but some doubted Palin's performance as being reiterated talking points.

The debate in St. Louis was moderated by PBS's Gwen Ifill. The debate moved through five-minute segments where each candidate had 90 seconds to respond to Ifill's questions. Two minutes were added for additional response time.

There were fears that Ifill would be a poor choice as moderator because she is writing and promoting a book about democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama. These fears, however, never surfaced. The debate ran smoothly and was reasonably cordial.

Ifill opened the debate with a question about bailing out Wall Street. Biden said Wall Street was running wild. He proposed oversight, a focus on homeowners, positive taxpayer treatment and not letting CEOs get rich off of the bailout. Palin responded by stating McCain represents reform, greater oversight and bipartisanship.

The playing field unfolded much in this manner for the remainder of the night. Biden and Palin went back and forth over tax policy, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and energy plans. They both, however, agreed that homosexuals should not marry, but should receive the same civil rights as heterosexual married couples.

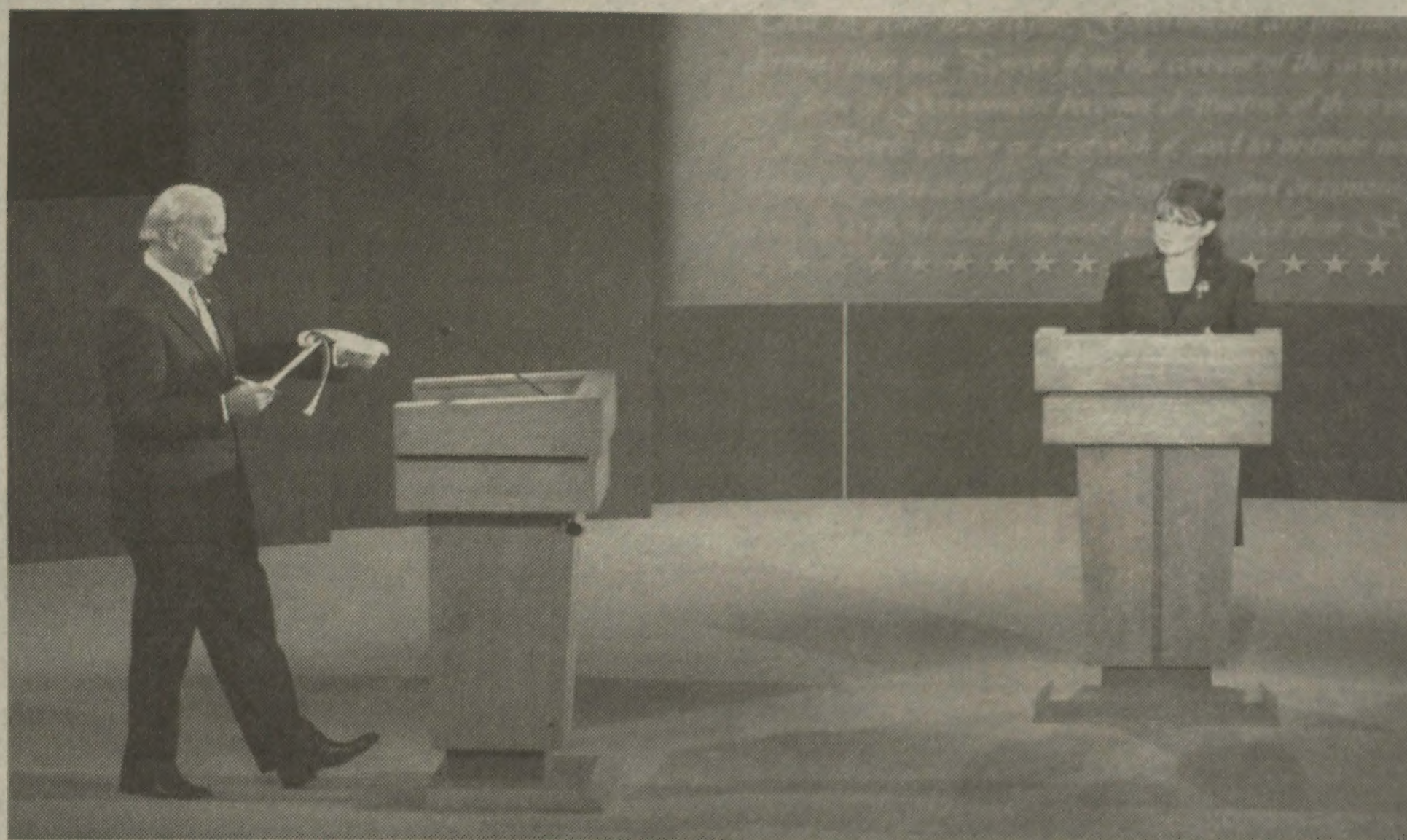
The economy was also a reoccurring theme. Biden spoke continually about taxing the rich. When Palin accused him of redistributing wealth, Biden said it's not redistribution, it's "fairness." Palin claimed taxing the rich people who make more than \$250,000 would hurt small businesses and was not patriotic.

Two national polls found Biden to be the winner of the debate, although Palin received mildly favorable assessments as well.

A CBS News/Knowledge Networks survey of 500 uncommitted voters taken after the debate Thursday found that 46 percent thought Biden won, while 21 percent gave Palin the victory. Two-thirds of the respondents thought Palin was knowledgeable about important issues; 98 percent said the same about Biden.

A separate CNN/Opinion Research Corp. survey found similar views, with 51 percent saying Biden did better and 36 percent favoring Palin. Perhaps most significant: 87 percent of CNN survey respondents thought Biden was qualified to be president, while 42 percent saw Palin that way.

This report contains material from McClatchy-Tribune Information Services. Editor-in-Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.



Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential nominee Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska squared off during a debate at Washington University in St. Louis on Thursday. (ROBERT COHEN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/MCT)

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The centennial week also coincides with homecoming, so a number of activities are being coordinated for both celebrations, including a homecoming tailgate party in the Pep Bowl on Saturday starting at 10:30 p.m.

This year's homecoming game will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. against Missouri Western. The homecoming royalty will be named at halftime.

"I think that homecoming is going to be an incredible atmosphere," Christensen said. "All of the events scheduled before homecoming in the Pep Bowl and the things that are going on across campus — tours and each of the colleges having activities — are going to be great fun. And of course the football game should be a large crowd, a lot of alums coming back to campus; I hope we have a lot of students participating. It should just be a great time."

Christensen said he hopes every student takes the time to participate in at least a couple centennial and homecoming events this year.

"I'm excited about the opportunities that we're going to have, in a whole variety of different venues, to tell UNO's story," Christensen said. "It's a great story, and we have great people here."

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'Choke' darkly funny, but still serious



Brad William Henke and Sam Rockwell star in "Choke," an adaptation of a Chuck Palahniuk novel. (COURTESY FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES)

REVIEW BY
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Imagine a 17th century American settlement full of historical interpreters who are mostly deviants. Imagine a man who pays for his mother's life in an institution by pretending to choke on food in expensive restaurants and gaining sympathy money.

Now imagine being a sex addict who goes to Sexaholics Anonymous meetings to pick up a momentary lover. Put these all together into one character and you have a movie based on Chuck Palahniuk's novel "Choke."

The film "Choke" was released Sept. 2. Sam Rockwell plays Victor Mancini, a med school drop out who

works as the "backbone of colonial society." By day, he acts like an Irish indentured servant in a reenactment of a colonial settlement.

By night, Victor is a con man looking to be saved by people with the most expensive clothes, food, shoes or jewelry. When he pretends to choke, it makes his rescuers feel better about themselves. Victor says this is a service he provides.

Victor is also a sex addict. The film does not shy away from gratuitous nudity. If you have issues with seeing sex in movies, don't bother seeing the film.

Sex is Victor's fatal flaw. He cannot love. The film drives this point home over and over with many examples of Victor's encounters.

Victor's best friend, Denny (Brad

William Henke), is a sex addict, too. He masturbates 15 times a day.

Victor and Denny work together at the colonial village. Denny spends the majority of his time in the stocks and is always getting in trouble for not being in character. Henke's acting provides excellent comic relief.

The film is darkly funny, but it also tackles a few heavy themes. Religion and spirituality are thoroughly examined. Sex and love are ever-present themes throughout the film, as well.

However, the most interesting theme is the film's approach to mental illness.

Anjelica Huston plays Victor's mother, Ida, who has a severe form of dementia. She lives in an institution. Victor visits her, but she doesn't know who he is.

Ida thinks he is a lawyer, and all she ever talks about is her no-good son. Victor just does his best to act in character with whomever his mother thinks she is talking to. At one point, he has Denny pretend to be him.

Director Clark Gregg's film will be funny to some people. It will be hilarious to others. Yet, some people will be so offended that they will avoid movie theaters for the next few years.

The film is full of sex, fraud and comedy. No matter who you are, if you ever visit a colonial reenactment village after seeing "Choke," you'll definitely think of the film.

And you'll probably feel a little uncomfortable when you do.



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Rock band Ludo to play free show on campus tomorrow

JAMIE BELL
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It's not often that a rock band plays for free — but on Wednesday, alternative rock band Ludo will be doing just that.

The band from St. Louis most often garners comparisons to groups like Weezer, Queen and They Might Be Giants. They released their third album, "You're Awful, I Love You," earlier this year and are currently on tour with Relient K and This Providence.

Ludo will be making a stop to help UNO

"I wouldn't even venture to guess what kind of shenanigans will go on," Duysen said.

Passionate fans such as Duysen encourage the band to keep coming to Omaha. Convy said he feels one of the factors that keeps the fans coming back is their live show.

"We're unique and you never know what's really going to happen at a Ludo show, because we don't know what's going to happen," Convy said.

The band is the biggest name Maverick



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celebrate its centennial by playing a free show in the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza. The show starts at 9 p.m. and is open to all members of the UNO community.

Although the average UNO student may not be familiar with Ludo, that's part of the band's appeal.

"We chose Ludo because they're new, fresh and a wonderful up-and-coming band that we would like the UNO students to experience," said Megan Schmitz, public relations co-chair for Maverick Productions.

The band consists of vocalist Andrew Volpe, guitarist Tim Ferrell, keyboardist Tim Convy, bassist Marshall Fanciullo and drummer Matt Palermo. Fanciullo is from Omaha, one of the towns the group has continually hit from the very beginning, Convy said earlier this year.

Ludo is nationally known for their stage presence. They will undoubtedly put on an engaging, high-energy performance, said UNO senior James Duysen, an avid Ludo fan.

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Maverick Productions brings 'SNL' comedian Tracy Morgan to Omaha

STEVE COUFAL
STAFF WRITER

In the past couple years, Maverick Productions has brought top-notch performers Jim Gaffigan and Nick Swardson to Omaha for UNO students to enjoy.

Now, Maverick Productions has announced that Tracy Morgan is coming to Omaha. But, like Gaffigan and Swardson, some UNO students might not know who Morgan is.

Tracy Morgan started doing stand up and various small roles throughout the '80s and '90s. He got his big break in 1996 when he was a cast member for "Saturday Night Live."

At "SNL," he became famous for such characters as Astronaut Jones, Brian Fellow's Safari Planet and Bronx resident Dominican Lou.

He currently stars with Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey on the NBC hit "30 Rock."

There was a big debate whether we were going to have a band or a comedian this year, said Kayla Vavra, public relations co-chair for Maverick Productions. The group decided to stay with comedians because it seemed popular with students.

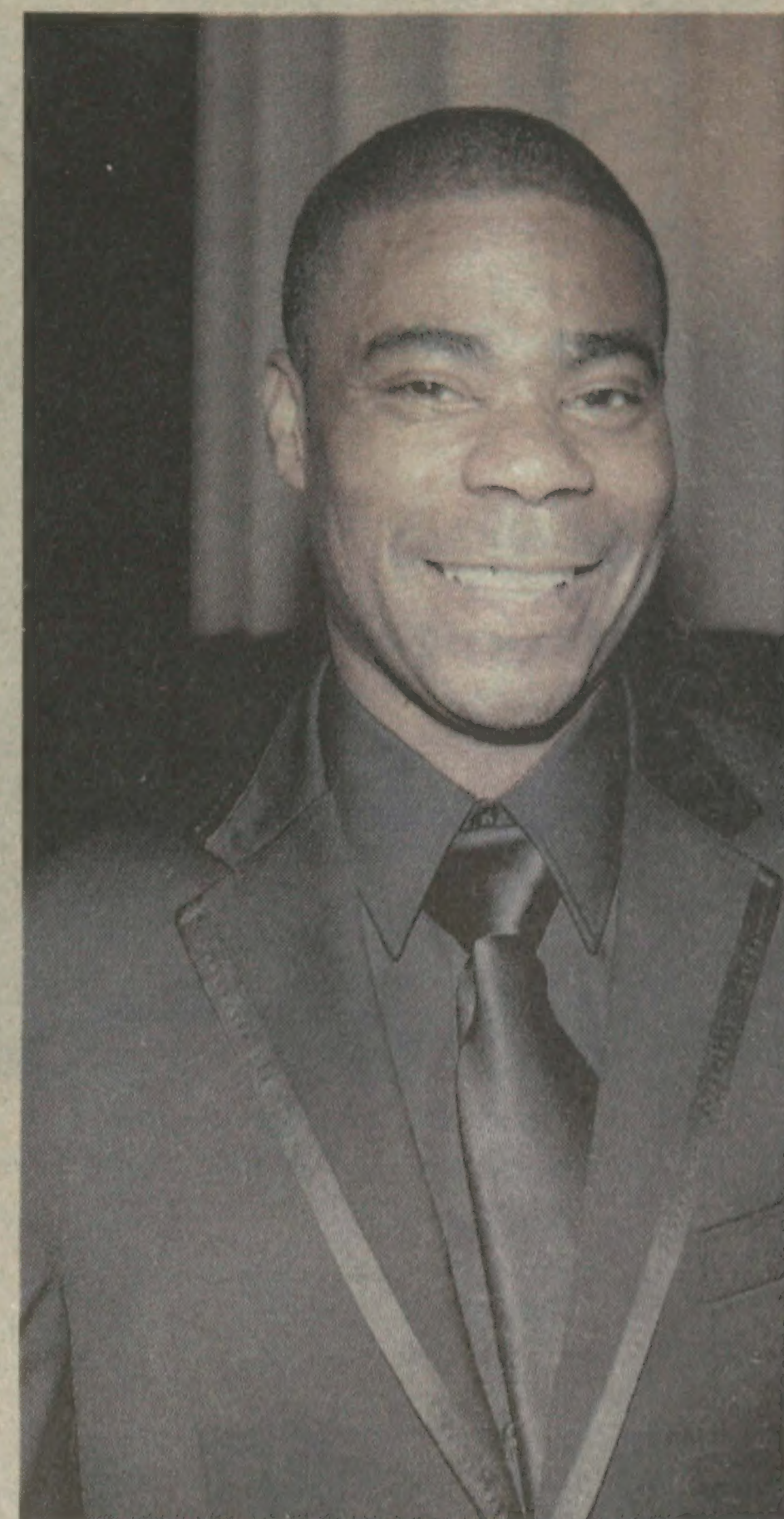
Maverick Productions got in contact with a middle agency that was responsible for gathering information about all sorts of different artists, Vavra said. They then sent the agency a price range and received a list of comedians to choose from.

Vavra said Tracy Morgan just kind of worked out.

Part of the cost of the show is underwritten by student fees, which support Maverick Productions and other campus entities. A nominal entry fee is being charged to cover the remainder.

"If we want to bring in more high-scale acts, which is what the campus seems to prefer, we do have to charge admission just to cover the costs," Vavra said.

Tickets are \$7 with a Maycard or \$15 for a VIP ticket that includes a "Tracy Morgan for President"

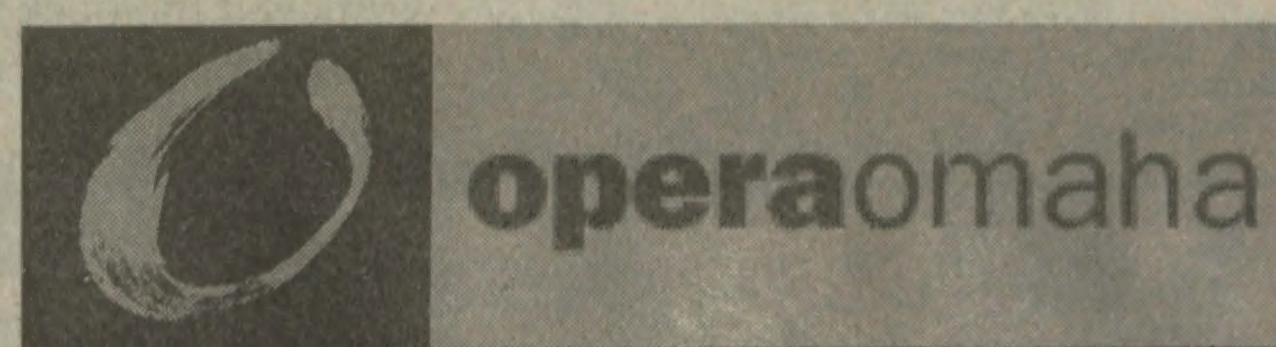


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"If you've ever been to stand-up, you know it's the kids up front that the comedian picks on," Vavra said. "It's a more fun and personalized experience."

Tracy Morgan will be at the Omaha Music Hall on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available in the business office on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center.



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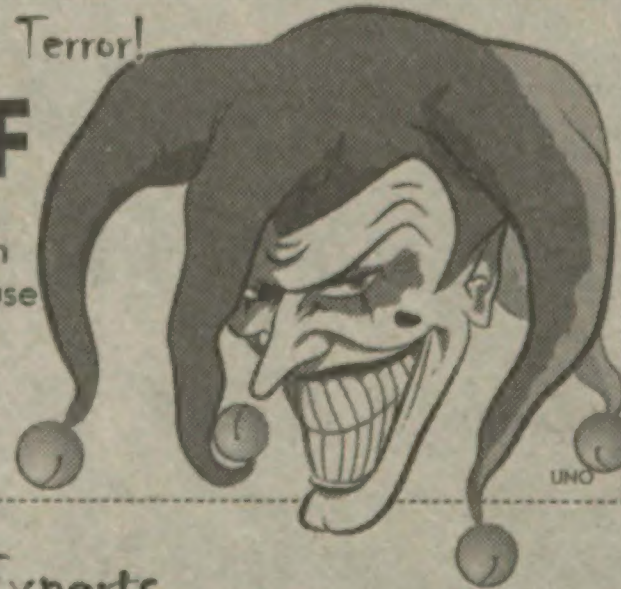
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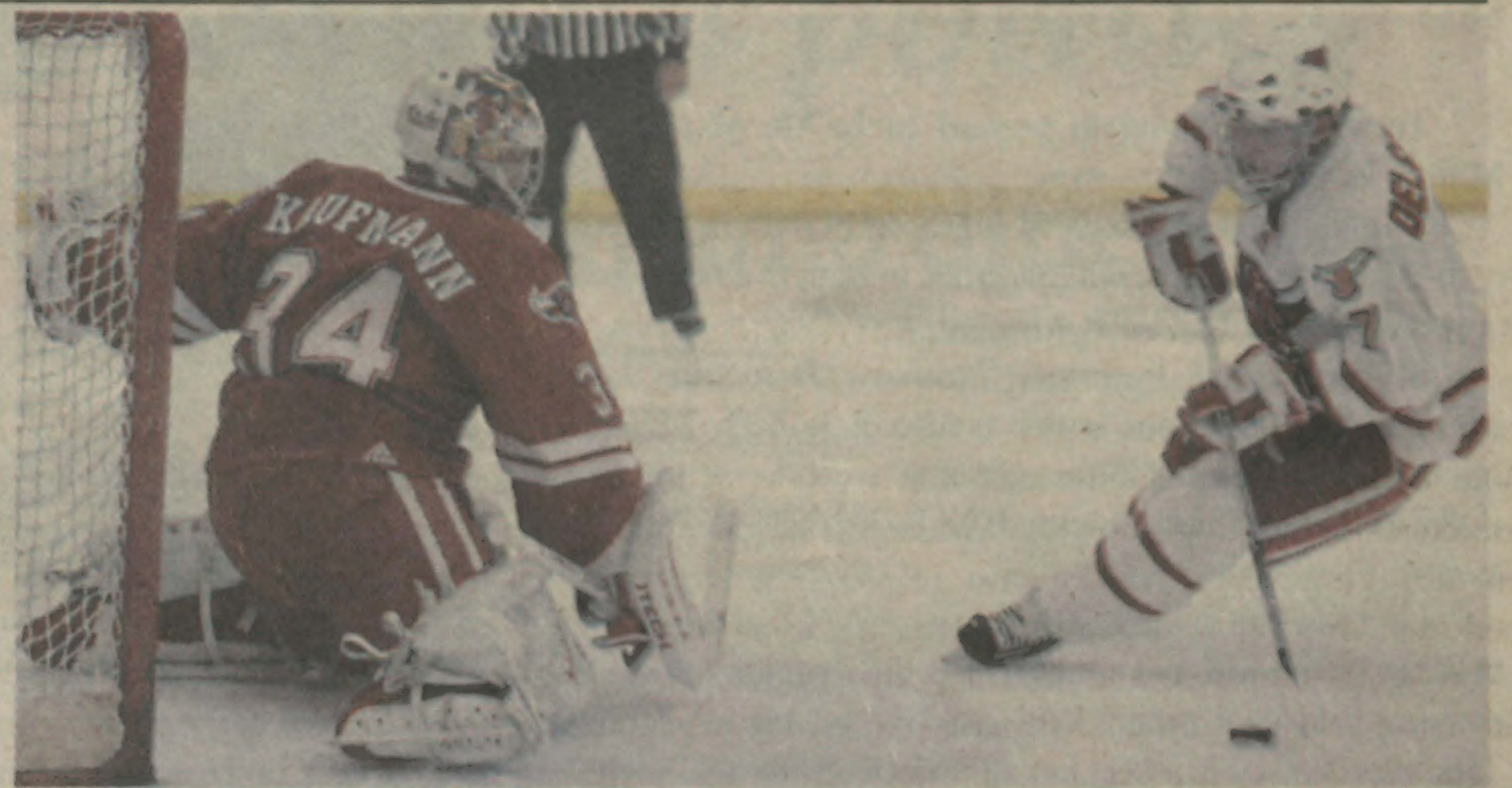
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Top left - Mike Phillippi fires an off balance shot while getting tangled up with Eric Olimb. **Top right** - Eddie DelGrosso sends the puck past goalie Jerad Kaufmann to put the White team up 3-2. **Bottom left** - Goalie Jeremie Dupont makes a save as JJ Koehler (right) looks on. **Bottom middle** - Dan Charleston brings the puck up the ice. **Bottom right** - Joey Martin watches as the puck slides under Jeremie Dupont and into the goal to tie the game 2-2. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Red/White Scrimmage shows off new Maverick talent, shootout format

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

A standing-room only crowd of at least 200 fans packed Moylan IcePlex Sunday afternoon to get their first glimpse of the 2008-09 UNO hockey team.

The White team skated away with a 4-3 victory over the Red team during the annual Red/White Scrimmage.

Coach Mike Kemp altered this year's scrimmage format by awarding penalty shots instead of power-plays to the victimized team. Starting this season, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association will hold shootouts at the end of games still tied after overtime.

Both teams combined to score five goals via the penalty shot. Sophomore Eric Olimb led the White squad with two goals, both on the penalty shot.

Kemp said he was pleased with UNO's performance after just one day of official practices.

"There was a good pace," Kemp said.

"From an offensive standpoint, I thought we moved the puck very well and generally overall. For a first time out, it was a well played game."

The teams skated under an abbreviated format with three 12-minute periods.

The White team jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead after penalty shot goals by Olimb and senior Dan Charleston.

The Red team wasn't content with just playing out the final seconds of the first period.

With 31 seconds left, senior Tomas Klempa got the Reds on the board. Moments later, sophomore Joey Martin tied the game 2-2 on a penalty shot with one second remaining.

Junior Eddie DelGrosso scored the only goal of the second period when he beat Red team goalie Jerad Kaufmann on a penalty shot, pushing the White team's lead to 3-2.

In the third period, Olimb notched his second goal of the game on a penalty shot to extend the White lead to 4-2.

Junior JJ Koehler scored to bring the

Red team within 4-3, but the White team held on for the win.

The Reds finished with two even-strength goals, one each against goalies junior Jeremie Dupont and freshman John Faulkner; Dupont was awarded the win.

"It's a higher scoring scrimmage from the ones we've had in the past," Charleston said. "People say scoring is down, but we have plenty of weapons on the team that

can score."

The Mavs will be looking to replace the offensive output of departed seniors Mick Lawrence, Brandon Scero, and Bryan Marshall. The trio accounted for 50 of the 125 goals UNO scored last season.

The Mavs begin play Monday, Oct. 13 when they host the University of Manitoba, in an exhibition contest at Qwest Center Omaha at 7:05 p.m.

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A year later, almost \$20,000 has been donated to the fund. Fundraisers like the 5K Violence Awareness Run, sponsored during Greek Week last April, helped to raise additional money. The run alone raised nearly \$3,000 for the fund.

Williams was killed by a sniper while going through a Kentucky Fried Chicken/Long John Silvers drive-through Jan. 20. Kyle Bormann was recently convicted of second-degree murder.

Williams was the first to attend college in her family and was highly involved at UNO. She was a Goodrich scholar and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

In honor of the two groups Williams was involved in, the scholarship will be given to a junior in either organization maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA.

Members of AKA sorority had established a scholarship in Williams' memory at Wells Fargo bank. The money

from the NU Foundation was combined with that fund to create the Brittany Williams Memorial Scholarship.

Anyone interested in donating to the scholarship should send funds to the University of Nebraska Foundation, 2285 S. 67th St., Suite 200, Omaha, Neb., 68106. Checks should be made payable to the NU Foundation. Donators can also call the foundation at (402) 502-0300 or visit the Web site at www.nufoundation.org.

Mike Carroll, a professor in the Goodrich program, told The Gateway last March he thought Williams would have appreciated the scholarship.

"I think Brittany would be thrilled with the idea that even though she is unable to pursue her dreams, someone else will be able to benefit from those who remember her and hoped that she'd been able to follow through on her nursing career," Carroll said. "It's another promising life and career cut short."



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UNO loses in OT after interception

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

Turnovers once again proved to be the thorn in the Mavericks' side.

Truman State shocked No. 16 ranked UNO by pulling off a 26-20 double overtime win Saturday in front of a homecoming crowd of 3,785 in Kirksville, Mo.

In the second overtime, Truman's Demetrius Lavant intercepted a pass from senior quarterback Zach Miller and returned it 57 yards for the winning touchdown, giving the Bulldogs the upset and slapping UNO with their second straight loss.

Up 17-14 late in the fourth quarter, UNO had the chance to hold on for the win, but couldn't stop the Truman offense from entering field goal range. With one second left in regulation, Truman's Mickey Masucci forced overtime with a 42-yard field goal.

On Truman's first possession in overtime, the Bulldogs were pushed back after two false start penalties, setting up Masucci's career-long 49-yard field goal.

UNO drove to the Truman 4-yard line on their first possession, but was forced to settle for a 21-yard kick by Greg Zuerlein to send the game to the second extra frame tied 20-20.

The Mavs had possession first in the second overtime. On the first snap, Miller was dropped for an 8-yard loss. A holding penalty on the next play pushed UNO back to the Truman 43 for a second-and-28 setback.

While being blitzed, Miller lofted a pass and Lavant made a perfect read on the throw to seal the win for the Bulldogs (3-2, 2-2 MIAA).

UNO (3-2 overall, 2-2 MIAA) lost back-to-back games for the first time since the 2002 season. The Mavs were blanked 42-0 by Northwest Missouri State last weekend.

Two turnovers in the first half ended up haunting the Mavs. The past two games' opponents have returned four Maverick turnovers for touchdowns.

On UNO's first possession of the game, Truman's Derek Rodriguez picked off a pass to set up the Bulldogs' first score. Quarterback Matt Ticich found Albert Coker for a 45-yard touchdown pass, putting Truman up 7-0.

The Mavs charged down field on their next possession, but once again came up empty. Miller lost the ball on the Truman 7-yard line and Rodriguez took it 93 yards to build the lead 14-0



Brian McNeill finished the game with 151 yards rushing on 30 carries and one touchdown. (Michelle Bishop/The Gateway)

with 5:24 left in the opening period.

UNO broke a five-quarter scoring drought by putting some points on the board in the second quarter. Zuerlein nailed a 33-yard field goal to make it 14-3.

Truman had a chance to build their lead at the end of the second quarter, but Masucci missed from 34 yards out.

The Mavs charged out and appeared to take control of the second half. UNO's defense stepped up and forced two three-and-outs by the Bulldogs. Miller and the offense pulled the Mavs within four after punching it in from three yards out to make it 14-10.

UNO took their first lead of the game when senior tailback Brian McNeill capped a 77-yard drive with a 2-yard score to put the Mavericks up 17-14 with 12:43 left in the fourth quarter. McNeill finished with 151 yards rushing on 30 carries.

The game was UNO's first overtime contest since a 30-23 home loss to Northern Colorado in 2002.

Miller was 14-of-22 for 107 passing yards and two interceptions, while adding 63 yards on 23 rushing attempts. Senior wide receivers Troy Kush (39 yards) and Keith Eloi (38 yards) led UNO with five catches each.

UNO finished with 255 yards rushing and out-gained Truman in total yards 362-287.

Ticich was 20-of-39 for 232 yards and a touchdown, while Coker had three catches for 101 yards and a touchdown. Truman had just 55 rushing yards.

UNO returns home to celebrate homecoming and the UNO Centennial as they host Missouri Western at Caniglia Field at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Northwest Missouri claims victory against Mavericks on Saturday

BOB VACANTI
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO soccer team lost 2-1 in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play this Saturday against Northwest Missouri State.

Northwest Missouri scored their first goal in the 19th minute. A corner kick sent the ball from Andrea Tritz to Andrea Demi, who headed it to Rikki Southward to score on sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Fox.

The Mavericks responded in the 32nd minute with a penalty kick by junior Megan Jensen after colliding with one of the Bearcats.

In the second half, Kelsey Sanders of Northwest Missouri State took advantage of an opening in left field and put the ball past Fox in the 68th minute.

UNO made more corner kicks and shot attempts throughout the game, but was unable to put most of them to good use.

Saturday's game marks the Northwest Missouri' first victory over the Mavs out of the six games they've played against one another. This puts UNO down to 6-2-0, with 4-2-0 in MIAA play, while Northwest Missouri State bumped up to 7-3-1 and 3-3-1.

Last Thursday, UNO shutout 1-0 previously unbeaten Southern Baptist on the road in Bolivar, Mo.

The Mavericks' lone goal came off a header by senior Casey Bigsby on a corner kick in the 69th minute.

The victory over Southern Baptist marked the second straight shutout by UNO over a previously undefeated team.

The Mavericks next face off against Emporia State at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 and Washburn at 6 p.m. on Oct. 11.

Editor in Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.



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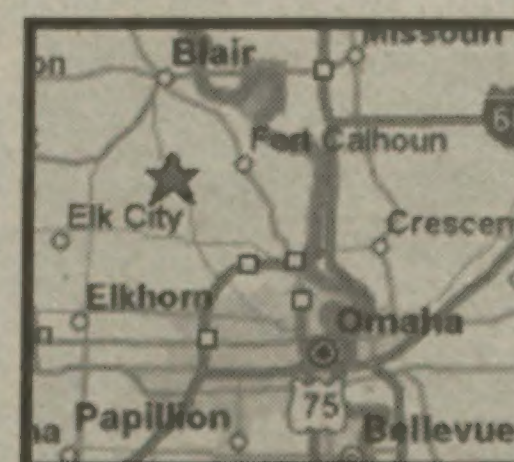
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Looking at vice presidential politics

Who is the real Sarah Palin? Similarities trump differences

What do a pit bull and a hockey mom have in common? Neither likes to be muzzled.

In her five-week political odyssey, Sarah Palin has gone from moose hunting Governor of the North to America's sweetheart and now to a media proclaimed bumbling idiot.

Which is the real Palin? The one who can see Russia from her house? Or the one who eloquently sliced and diced Obama and Biden at the Republican National Convention?

Truthfully, Palin lies somewhere in between. While she has shown to give an amazing speech and hold her own against 35-year D.C. insider Joe Biden, she still has the markings of a neophyte.

Her campaign lacks trust in her to the point that she can't go near a rope line and, due to her lack of polish, instances such as not correctly identifying the Bush Doctrine have become too common.

The bottom line is that by picking Sarah Palin, John McCain went all in on a risky hand, to use a poker metaphor. McCain realized that no matter how well his campaign was doing at the time, he needed to shake things up in order to overcome the heavily Democratic tides of this campaign season.

Bland picks such as Mitt Romney or Tim Pawlenty would not suffice. The maverick needed an unconventional selection.

In the days following her selection (announced in Dayton, Ohio, no less), the pick looked like a stroke of genius. Cash flowed in to the coffers and volunteers flooded campaign offices. Glowing praise for the governor came tumbling in. But it wouldn't last long.

As expected, the MSNBC's and Katie

Couric's of the world have inundated America with "revelations" and lobbed poison pill questions at her. Dear Lord, she doesn't keep a list of the newspapers she reads daily in her back pocket? Her experience and worldview have been challenged, although such questions are rarely directed at her opponents.

While Tina Fey's caricature on "Saturday Night Live" of the governor provides great humor, it shortchanges the complex and nuanced woman. Ironically, even before her nomination, Palin was one of my favorite politicians and Fey my favorite comedians.

To say she's just a gun-toting hot governor who gives her kids kooky names is akin to saying Barack Obama is only a failed community organizer with a weird name. Both are prime examples of America at its finest — self-made individuals rising from middle class backgrounds to gain prominence on the center stage of American politics.

The \$64,000 question is whether Palin will help McCain pull off an upset victory over the Obama-Biden ticket, or will she fade away in to the footnotes of history along side Geraldine Ferraro? (Incidentally, Karl Rove and multiple other political scholars claim that in the modern era of presidential selections, no veep candidate has ever changed the outcome of an election.)

While the answer won't be known until after Nov. 4, the tealeaves are beginning to show that the economic meltdown may damage the Straight Talk Express so severely that neither Palin nor anyone else can fix things.

In just a few short weeks we'll find out how much bite this pit bull really has.

The vice presidential debate was one of the more anticipated events leading up to the election.

I watched the debate with a couple of friends, but didn't really get what the big deal was. Thinking that my full attention was not given to the candidates, I watched the debate a second time while taking notes to figure out what exactly I missed before. Afterward, I felt perplexed.

What couldn't I see that was just sitting there, staring me in the face? I finally conceded to myself that nothing was particularly significant about the debate at all.

The debate was filled with both vice presidential candidates brown-nosing to the American people, trying desperately to relate to the middle class and shooting off the same talking points that their running mates have already burned into our collective skull.

As the debate progressed, "differences" distinguishing Biden and Palin really didn't seem that different at all.

Both sides want oversight on Wall Street and to take on the corruption in Washington, and yet they supported a bailout bill that holds nobody accountable and bails the investors out instead of the people.

Both refuse to back down on spending despite the unstable economic situation.

Both claim to have clean alternative energy policies, but accuse one another about which types of energy they don't support.

Both are interventionists who want more troops in Afghanistan along the Pakistani border to fight terrorism, though one wants the current war to end sooner than the other.

Both think Iran and "an unstable Pakistan" are big threats that have to be dealt with, but call each other's platform

naïve or diplomatically irresponsible.

Both love Israel; oh, how they both love Israel.

Both candidates spent so much of their time attacking each other's alleged positions or repeating notions like bringing change, fighting corruption, or being a "maverick," that there was hardly any time to tell the American people something new.

If voters really choose their candidate based on which one made better one-liners or appeared more genuine, then they might have taken something out of this debate. Personally, I wanted specific details for each and every plan mentioned: how much it would cost, who would be paying the bill and how long it would take to achieve.

Instead, I heard a couple of promises made, along with accusations that the opponent either didn't have a plan or lacked a good one.

I guess all this talk about change made me believe that the road to the White House in 2008 would somehow be different, but unfortunately, nothing has changed at all. By the time the debate ended, my head was pounding and I had even less confidence that either ticket really outshined the other.

Whichever way you vote, America's collective pocket will be empty due to being entrenched overseas and because both parties — yes, both of them — wasted time pointing fingers at each other instead of fulfilling promises to their constituents and working for the common interest of the people.

Overall, the stale, insubstantial debate only demonstrated how stagnant our political system continues to be, with politicians promising everything they need to get your vote, while speaking vaguely about taking action so they can flip flop later.

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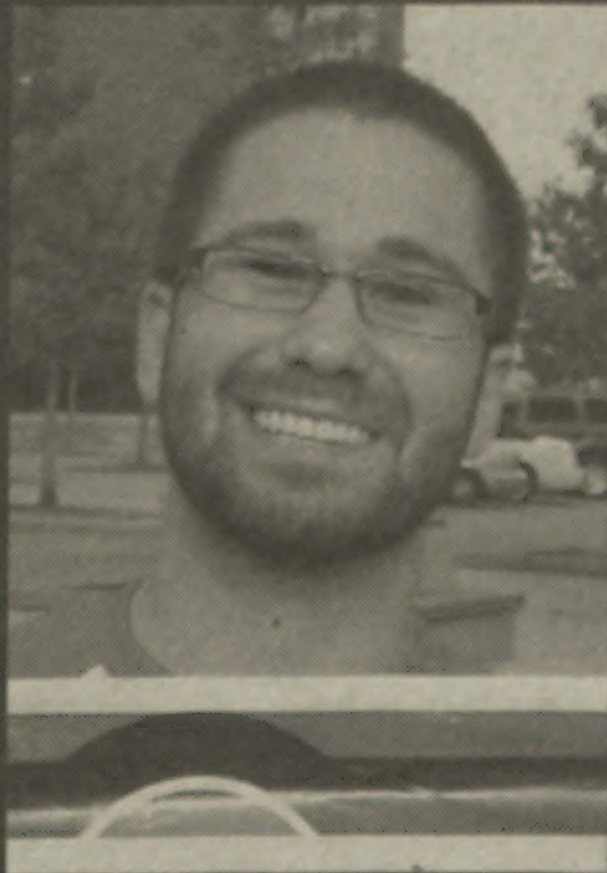
The Gateway spoke with attendees at Sarah Palin's visit to the Civic Auditorium's Music Hall on Sunday afternoon. Here are some of their thoughts:

DEAN HAYES



"Getting here was easy; standing isn't. It would have been better at the Civic Auditorium, not the Music Hall. It's a once in a lifetime rare opportunity; you gotta take advantage of it."

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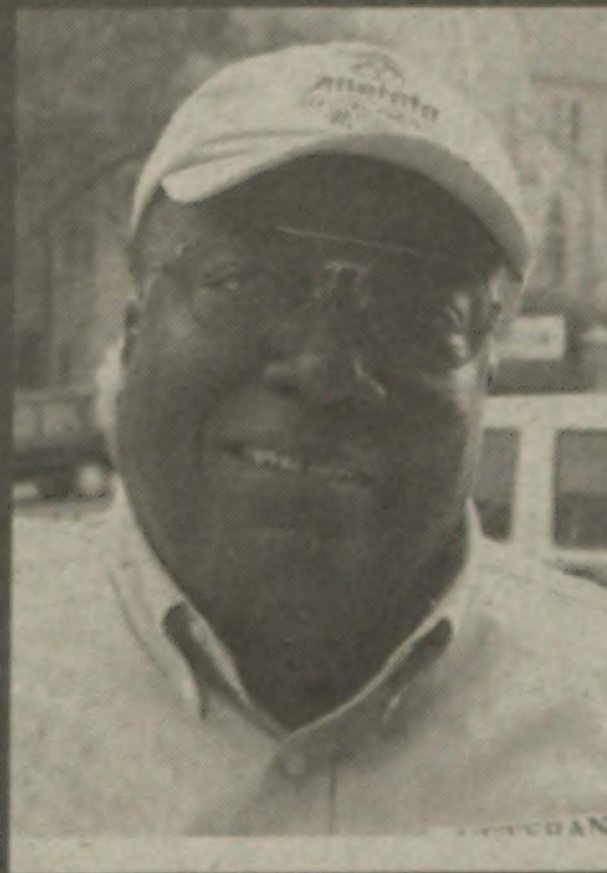
"We were quick on setting up a group on such short notice to support Obama."

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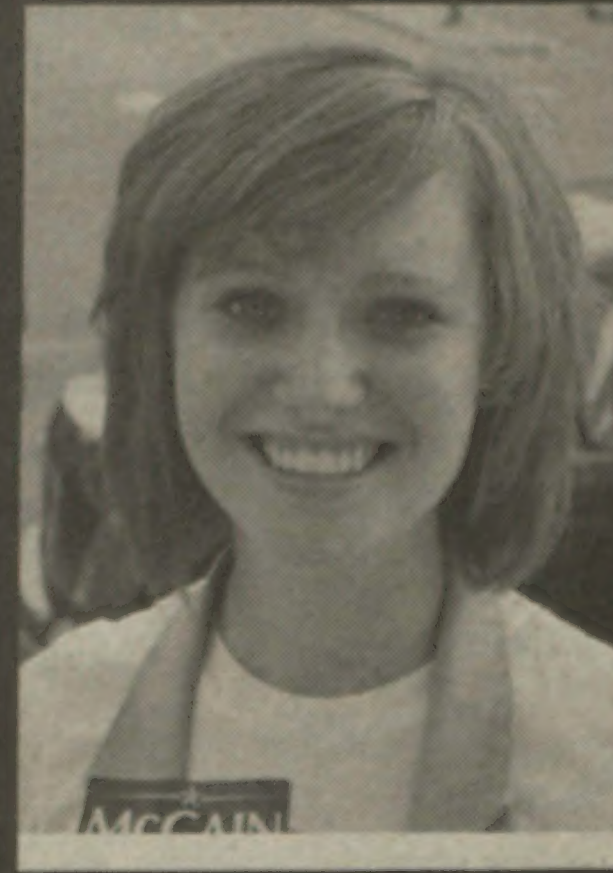
"Parking was slightly ridiculous."

JAMES STINSON



"My handicapped space was taken, but that's OK; I'm beating other associates from sometime back."

KELSEY MCGEE



"They underestimated the people that would show support for Palin's campaign."

Campus Recreation

HPER Groundbreaking Ceremony

A ceremony commemorating this event will be held on Wednesday, October 10th at 10:00am. A reception will follow.



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Townley. The current enrollment represents about 15 percent of the university's students, faculty and staff.

This figure is lower than many other universities with similar systems. For example, Miami University, which also uses e2Campus, reported earlier this month that it had 8,549 users on its three campuses, which amounts to about 34 percent of its campus community based on data from Miami's Institutional Research.

During Hurricane Gustav, Southeastern Louisiana University students received their first messages from that university's 6-month-old FirstCall alert system. UWIRE's Megan Mosher reported subscriptions for the system had tripled since before Gustav, with 6,083 students signed up as of Sept. 11. That figure represents about 40 percent of SELU's enrollment.

The text message alert system and non-credit self-defense course are only two of the university's security improvements for this semester.

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, said patrols around University Village were still more regular but "not as much as it was" immediately after the Sept. 1 incident. The residence halls have also been targeted for more patrols in recent semesters for liquor law enforcement.

Bar locks for the patio doors of first-floor suites at Maverick Village have been recently installed, Pickett said. The suites at Maverick Village and Scott Village already require key-cards to access their main hallways.

Pickett also said security buzzers at the entrances to all the buildings were operational. One building had problems

during move-in week, but no other work orders have been filed for the other buildings.

Nantkes said dead bolts on the doors of each University Village suite were checked by maintenance before residents returned in August. The suites at University Village are like a motel, with each suite having a door directly accessible from the exterior of the building.

"It is up to the residents to use the locks provided to them," Nantkes said.

Orlich agreed, urging residents "to always be careful, aware of their surroundings and lock their suite, patio and bedroom doors."

Chancellor John Christensen said campus safety continues to be a priority for his administration and other improvements across campus, such as installing additional security cameras, are being considered.

"I think if you think about UNO's campus, this is a community of 18,000 people, with students, faculty and staff," Christensen said. "If you look at this, we're a very safe campus, but that is no signal that we can relax."

Christensen said the university is looking at the cost-benefit ratios for different security improvements in an effort to measure twice, cut once when it comes to campus security.

"Fiscally, you can't do everything at once, so what you start to do is what has the greatest impact on the largest number of students, what has the greatest impact for the campus," Christensen said. "It's not about not having enough money or not being willing to spend money on safety, it's about where do you spend it that results in the greatest benefit of the campus."

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